

THEY INFLUENCED THE WORLD

1 Thessalonians 1:6-10

1 Th 1:6 *Followers:* imitators, mimickers. Essence of discipleship: Producing another “YOU.”

having received the word in much affliction When received the Word they were immediately put under great persecution and opposition.

... with joy of the Holy Ghost: They rejoiced to be like the Lord in affliction.

Acts 16:25-32 John 15:19-21

Influenced the world:

1. By Example **1 Th 1:7**

Macedonia: Thessalonica, Philippi and Berea

Achaia: Athens and Corinth.

Ensamples:

- ◆ Imprint made by a stroke or blow
- ◆ Impression left by a seal
- ◆ Pattern

2. Echoers of the Word. **1 Th 1:8** *Sounded out the word:* To echo forth. Sound of a trumpet or booming of thunder.

... also in every place Soul-winners in life-styles ...impacted the world

3. Turning away from idols. **1 Th 1:9** *...and how ye turned to God from idols.*

Whole lives made about face in turning away from idolatry

4. Turning to serve living and true God. **1 Th 1:9**

Demarest: It's not only what you turn from that is important. Of greater importance is what you turn to, and what you do after you've turned.

Serve: had come to serve as slaves the living and true God.

God: Living and true

Man's view of God affects: 1. Theology 2. Morality 3. Philosophy

4. Lifestyle

Living: God is a real person – sees, hears, acts and thinks.

True: genuine, real thing.

THE living and true God. No divided loyalty! Deu 5:6-9

5. Waiting for Jesus. **1 Th 1:10** Biblical view of future. They knew Jesus was coming back

Hend: Every child of God who understands the scriptures knows this and is waiting for him to come.

Wait: look forward with patience and confidence. Idea of waiting for a visitor to arrive. 1 John 3:2-3 ; 1 Th 4:16-18; Mat 24:30; Rev 1:7

The wrath to come: judgments to come in Tribulation period.